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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 2839**

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PATENT

Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04208.0183-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Minoru IGARASHI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2839  
Application No. 10/619,489 ) Examiner: Le, Thanh Tam T.  
Filed: July 16, 2003 )  
For: CONNECTOR FOR ) Confirmation No. 8855  
CONNECTING CIRCUIT BOARDS ) **Mail Stop AF**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 6, 2004, the period for response having been extended to April 6, 2005, by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper, beginning on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper, beginning on page 7.

**Attachments** to this paper include a copy of a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 8, 2004, date-stamped postcard receipt, and a Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement dated April 6, 2005.